

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2082, Intelligence Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S925–S992

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2627–2636, and S. Res. 450–453. **Page S970**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 439, expressing the strong support of the Senate for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to enter into a Membership Action Plan with Georgia and Ukraine. **Page S969**

Measures Passed:

Airport and Airway Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 5270, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S990–91**

250th Anniversary of the Naming of Pittsburgh: Senate agreed to S. Res. 452, commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Naming of Pittsburgh as the culmination of the Forbes Campaign across Pennsylvania and the significance this event played in the making of America, in the settlement of the continent, and in spreading the ideals of freedom and democracy throughout the world. **Page S991**

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College 100th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 453, recognizing February 20, 2008, as the 100th anniversary of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. **Pages S991–92**

Measures Considered:

Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1200, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S957–62**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 23), Tester Amendment No. 4020 (to Amendment No. 3899), to express the sense of Congress regarding law enforcement and methamphetamine issues in Indian country. **Pages S959–60**

Pending:

Bingaman/Thune Amendment No. 3894 (to Amendment No. 3899), to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a limitation on the charges for contract health services provided to Indians by Medicare providers. **Page S957**

Vitter Amendment No. 3896 (to Amendment No. 3899), to modify a section relating to limitation on use of funds appropriated to the Service. **Page S957**

Brownback Amendment No. 3893 (to Amendment No. 3899), to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the Federal Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States. **Page S957**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3899, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S957**

Sanders Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3899), to provide for payments under subsections (a) through (e) of section 2604 of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981. **Pages S957–59**

Gregg Amendment No. 4022 (to Amendment No. 3900), to provide funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in a fiscally responsible manner. **Pages S960–61**

Barrasso Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3899), to require the Comptroller General to report on the effectiveness of coordination of health care services provided to Indians using Federal, State, local, and tribal funds. **Pages S961–62**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 14, 2008. **Page S992**

Intelligence Authorization Act—Conference Report: By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No.22), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2082, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S937–57**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 92 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 21), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S937**

Appointments:

U.S.-Japan Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Section 5 of Title I of Division H of Public Law 110–161, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the U.S.-Japan Interparliamentary Group conference for the 110th Congress: Senator Stevens. **Page S992**

Errata Sheet—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that an errata sheet be printed with respect to Senate Report 110–259. **Page S992**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an Executive Order blocking the property and interests in property of persons determined to have been involved in the corruption of senior officials of the Government of Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–38) **Page S966**

Messages from the House: **Page S966**

Measures Referred: **Pages S966–67**

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Text of S. 2248, as Previously Passed:

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—23) **Pages S937, S957, S960**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S992.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WOUNDED AND ILL SERVICE MEMBERS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improvements implemented and planned by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care, management, and transition of wounded and ill military service members, after receiving testimony from Preston M. Geren, III, Secretary of the Army, David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, USA, Surgeon General of the U.S. Army, all of the Department of Defense; and Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, and Rear Admiral Patrick W. Dunne, USN (Ret.), Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2008".

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from former Senator Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior.

MEDICARE PRIVATE PLANS (PART II)

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine selling to seniors, focusing on the need for accountability and oversight of marketing and sales by Medicare private plans, after receiving testimony from Kerry Weems, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services.